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LD 15 An Act To Amend the Authorized Hours during Which Liquor May Be Sold and Purchased PUBLIC 240

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GILBERT PATRICK	OTP-AM ONTP	H-216

This bill allows a holder of a liquor license to sell or deliver liquor from 5 a.m. on any day until 1 a.m. of the following day except in those areas in which liquor may not be sold on Sundays. The bill also amends sections of law that deal with the sale of liquor on Sundays to reflect this change.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-216)

This amendment replaces the bill, which proposes to amend current law to allow licensees to sell or deliver liquor as early as 5 a.m. any day of the week. This amendment allows for the 5 a.m. sale and delivery of liquor Monday through Saturday but maintains current law prohibiting sale until 9 a.m. on all Sundays, except for Sundays falling on March 17th.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2013, chapter 240 provides that liquor licensees may sell or deliver liquor as early as 5 a.m. any day of the week Monday through Saturday but maintains current law prohibiting sale until 9 a.m. on all Sundays, except for Sundays falling on March 17th.

LD 24 An Act To Reduce the Number of Labels of Wine a Retailer Must Stock To Conduct a Wine Tasting DIED BETWEEN HOUSES

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HASKELL STUCKEY	ONTP OTP-AM	

Current law allows an off-premise retail licensee stocking at least 125 different wine labels to conduct taste testings of wine on that licensee's premises.

This bill reduces the number of labels to 45.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-58)

This amendment, which was not adopted, is the minority report of the committee and provides that, until July 1, 2015, the number of wine labels required to be stocked by an off-premise retail licensee to be able to conduct a taste testing is reduced from 125 to 45 but only if the licensee does not also sell gasoline or diesel fuel at the same establishment.

LD 31 An Act To Increase Gaming Opportunities for Charitable Fraternal and Veterans' Organizations CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PATRICK BRIGGS		

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This bill permits the Gambling Control Board, beginning January 1, 2014, to issue a license to a charitable nonprofit organization that is a fraternal organization or a veterans' organization that is tax-exempt under the federal Internal Revenue Code to operate up to five slot machines on premises that are owned or leased by the organization, serve as its primary headquarters for fulfilling its charitable mission and are located in a municipality that has, by referendum of the voters, approved the operation of slot machines in that municipality. The organization must be able to demonstrate that it has a cash reserve of \$2,000 for each machine the organization intends to operate. An organization that wishes to apply prior to January 1, 2014 may file a declaration of intent to apply with the Gambling Control Board. An application must include a refundable \$5,000 deposit. The initial application fee for a slot machine operator license is \$1,000, and the annual renewal fee is \$350. A slot machine operated by a charitable nonprofit organization is subject to the same central site monitoring that applies to casinos and slot machine facilities at harness racing tracks. The total number of slot machines allowed to be operated by charitable nonprofit organizations statewide is 250. Ten percent of the net slot machine income is required to be deposited directly with the Gambling Control Board for administrative expenses; 8% goes directly to the General Fund; 10% goes to the host municipality; and 2% is dedicated to gambling addiction prevention and treatment. A charitable nonprofit organization that is licensed to operate slot machines is required to establish a separate account, from which the board may withdraw funds to distribute the net revenue percentages. The remaining revenue generated from the slot machines must be used to support the charitable purposes of the fraternal organization or veterans' organization.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 126th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1145, as amended by H-B (H-580) and H-C (H-582).

LD 53 An Act To Increase Voting Access ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BECK PATRICK	ONTP	

This bill provides that a person may vote by absentee ballot in the presence of a municipal clerk until the close of business on the day before election day. Current law requires such voting to be completed no later than three business days before election day.

LD 54 An Act To Expand Access to Absentee Ballots ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LIBBY N CLEVELAND	ONTP	

This bill eliminates restrictions on the issuance of absentee ballots after the third day before an election, removes deadlines for the return of an absentee ballot by a third person and allows a voter to vote by absentee ballot until 8:00 p.m. on the day of any election.

LD 69 An Act To Strengthen Financial Disclosure Laws for the Legislative and Executive Branches of State Government ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GOODE	ONTP	

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This bill proposes to amend the financial disclosure laws for Legislators and certain executive branch employees with regard to annual disclosure statements by reducing the minimum value of gifts that must be disclosed from \$300 to \$200, by requiring the disclosure of the annual total value of gifts, honoraria over \$2,000 and income received over \$10,000 for the sale, rental or lease of goods and services and by requiring that reportable income be identified as falling within specified ranges of income. The bill also provides that a former executive employee in a major policy-influencing position may not accept compensation for employment during the 12-month period immediately following termination of employment as an executive employee with, or under a contract to provide services during that period to, a person that is engaged in a business activity that is regulated by the state or quasi-state agency by which the former executive employee was employed.

LD 110 An Act To Limit Political Contributions by Public Employee Labor Unions

**ACCEPTED
MAJORITY
(ONTP) REPORT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JOHNSON P	ONTP OTP-AM	

This bill prohibits a public employee labor union from making contributions to a candidate in a state primary or general election for statewide office.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-168)

This amendment, which is the minority report and was not adopted, replaces the bill and prohibits a public employee labor union from using dues to fund political communications. Dues may be used to fund a contribution to a political action committee.

LD 121 An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Operation of Tournament Games by Charitable Organizations

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
WILSON	ONTP	

This bill amends the laws governing the operation of tournament games by charitable organizations. Current law requires that only members of the organization may conduct tournament games.

This bill allows the charitable organization to hire nonmembers to conduct the tournament games. Compensation paid to nonmembers for conducting a tournament game is limited to 20% of the gross revenue from the entry fees collected for the tournament game. The bill also increases the maximum entry fee for tournament game players.

LD 151 An Act To Allow 2 Eligible Organizations To Jointly Hold a Game of Beano or Bingo

PUBLIC 305

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KESCHL SAVIELLO	OTP-AM ONTP	H-266

This bill proposes an exemption to current law to allow two organizations licensed to operate or conduct a game of beano or bingo to jointly operate that game on the same premises on the same date.

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Committee Amendment "A" (H-266)

This amendment replaces the bill and is the majority report of the committee. It establishes a limited dual beano license that permits two organizations eligible to conduct beano to conduct a game at the same location on the same date. It provides that an organization that operates beano under a limited dual beano license may only do so up to two times per year. Organizations that apply for a limited dual beano license must identify a lead applicant who acknowledges responsibility for any violation of laws or rules during the game. The limited dual beano license does not authorize the sale of sealed tickets.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2013, chapter 305 establishes a limited dual beano license that permits two organizations eligible to conduct beano to conduct a game at the same location on the same date. It provides that an organization that operates beano under a limited dual beano license may only do so up to two times per year. Organizations that apply for a limited dual beano license must identify a lead applicant who acknowledges responsibility for any violation of laws or rules during the game. The limited dual beano license does not authorize the sale of sealed tickets.

LD 156 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine CARRIED OVER
Concerning Early Voting and Voting by Absentee Ballot

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SHAW LANGLEY	OTP-AM ONTP	

This resolution proposes to amend the Constitution of Maine to require the Legislature to authorize a process to allow a qualified voter to vote at a polling place in or outside of the city, town or plantation where that voter's residence has been established during a period immediately preceding an election. It also allows for voting by absentee ballot by citizens for reasons deemed sufficient without requiring in the Constitution of Maine that the citizens be absent or physically incapacitated.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-127)

This amendment eliminates the language in the resolution that requires the Legislature to authorize early voting by voters within or outside their places of residence and instead directs the Legislature to authorize a process of early voting that allows voting to occur in the same manner as on election day during a period immediately preceding an election.

This bill was committed to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and carried over to any special or regular session of the 126th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1145, as amended by H-B (H-580) and H-C (H-582).

LD 169 An Act To Provide Revenue to Veterans' Organizations and the Maine PUBLIC 128
Veterans' Memorial Cemetery System Care Fund from Table Game EMERGENCY
Revenue

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PATRICK LONGSTAFF	OTP-AM	S-57

Current law requires 2% of the net table game income generated at a casino with a commercial track to be held by the Department of Public Safety, Gambling Control Board for distribution to charitable nonprofits eligible to

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conduct beano or games of chance. This bill changes that distribution, instead directing the income to the Coordinated Veterans Assistance Grant Fund, which is established in the bill to give grants to assist veterans' service organizations and to make an annual deposit to the Maine Veterans' Memorial Cemetery System Care Fund.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-57)

Current law requires 2% of the net table game income generated at a casino in Bangor to be held by the Department of Public Safety, Gambling Control Board for distribution to charitable nonprofit organizations eligible to conduct beano games and games of chance. This amendment provides that distribution of the table game income will go to the Coordinated Veterans Assistance Fund, which is established to assist veterans' service organizations with transportation of veterans to medical appointments and outreach to homeless veterans and to provide funding for veteran service officers at the Veterans Administration Hospital at Togus, for flags for veterans graves and for the Maine Veterans' Memorial Cemetery System Care Fund.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2013, chapter 128 repealed a provision of law governing the use of revenues from table games at one of the two licensed casinos in the State where 2% of the net table game income generated at a casino in Bangor was to be held by the Department of Public Safety, Gambling Control Board for distribution to charitable nonprofit organizations eligible to conduct beano games and games of chance. Chapter 128 provides that distribution of the table game income will go to the Coordinated Veterans Assistance Fund, which is established to assist veterans' service organizations with transportation of veterans to medical appointments and outreach to homeless veterans and to provide funding for veteran service officers at the Veterans Administration Hospital at Togus, for flags for veterans graves and for the Maine Veterans' Memorial Cemetery System Care Fund.

Public Law 2013, chapter 128 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 24, 2013.

LD 174 An Act To Prohibit the Placement of Political Signs within 25 Feet of a Cemetery or Burial Site ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SAVIELLO	ONTP	

This bill prohibits the placement of political signs within 25 feet of a known burial site or of the boundaries of an established cemetery.

LD 184 An Act To Enhance Transparency in Government by Implementing a Waiting Period for Legislators before They May Register as Lobbyists PUBLIC 129

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CROCKETT TUTTLE	OTP-AM	H-115

This bill prohibits a person who served as a Legislator from lobbying until one year after that person's term as a Legislator ends. It applies to a Legislator who serves in the 126th Legislature or in a later legislature.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-115)

This amendment replaces the bill, which amended the statute governing lobbyist disclosure procedures to prohibit a former Legislator from engaging in lobbying for one year after the Legislator's term ends.

This amendment amends the provisions of law that govern legislative ethics to prohibit a former Legislator from engaging in activities that would require registration as a lobbyist or lobbyist associate until one year after that

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person's term as a Legislator ends.

This prohibition begins with the 127th Legislature.

The amendment specifies that uncompensated lobbying is not prohibited. The amendment specifies that the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices is authorized to investigate complaints and impose a penalty of up to \$1,000 for intentional violation of the waiting period.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2013, chapter 129 amends the provisions of law that govern legislative ethics to prohibit a former Legislator from engaging in activities that would require registration as a lobbyist or lobbyist associate until one year after that person's term as a Legislator ends.

This prohibition begins with the 127th Legislature.

Chapter 129 specifies that uncompensated lobbying is not prohibited. It further specifies that the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices is authorized to investigate complaints and impose a penalty of up to \$1,000 for intentional violation of the waiting period.

LD 185 An Act To Increase the Discount Rate on Alcoholic Beverages Sold by Agency Liquor Stores ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
EVANGELOS DUTREMBLE	ONTP	

This bill increases the minimum discount price and establishes a maximum discount price for spirits and fortified wine sold by agency liquor stores.

LD 213 An Act To Provide Funding for Transportation of Veterans to Medical Facilities ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FOWLE	ONTP	

This bill provides an ongoing General Fund appropriation of \$15,000 in fiscal years 2013-14 and 2014-15 to the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management to support the operating costs of the Disabled American Veterans transportation network, which provides round-trip transportation services to United States Veterans' Administration medical facilities.

LD 214 An Act To Require Registered Voter Lists To Be Provided to Candidates for Legislative Office ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BROOKS GRATWICK	ONTP	

This bill requires the Secretary of State to provide lists of registered voters in a legislative district to candidates for the Legislature in that district prior to the primary and general elections.

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LD 216 An Act To Extend the Hours for the Sale of Liquor on Sunday When St. Patrick's Day Is on a Sunday

**PUBLIC 2
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HOBBINS CRAVEN	OTP	

Current law prohibits the sale of liquor on Sunday between the hours of 6 a.m. and 9 a.m.

This bill provides that this prohibition does not apply when St. Patrick's Day, March 17th, falls on a Sunday.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2013, chapter 2 amends the law that prohibits the sale of liquor on Sunday between the hours of 6 a.m. and 9 a.m. by providing that this prohibition does not apply when St. Patrick's Day, March 17th, falls on a Sunday.

Public Law 2013, chapter 2 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 15, 2013.

LD 227 An Act Concerning High-stakes Beano

CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MITCHELL TUTTLE		

Current law allows the Penobscot Nation, the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians and the Aroostook Band of Micmacs to operate high-stakes beano games no more than 27 weekends a year and the Passamaquoddy Tribe to operate high-stakes electronic beano games up to 100 times per year. This bill eliminates those restrictions. The bill also allows the Penobscot Nation, the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, the Aroostook Band of Micmacs and the Passamaquoddy Tribe to operate high-stakes electronic beano. Electronic beano simulates traditional beano and is played on individual electronic beano terminals connected to a central computer system that generates beano games. Individual electronic beano terminals may accept cash, tokens, cards or vouchers but may not dispense cash. A prize awarded for winning electronic beano must be in the form of a voucher that may be redeemed for cash or prizes.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 126th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1145, as amended by H-B (H-580) and H-C (H-582).

LD 239 An Act To Improve the Return to the State on the Sale of Spirits and To Provide a Source of Payment for Maine's Hospitals

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<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>

Part A repeals the law privatizing the State's wholesale liquor business and the law requiring the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to seek bids no later than June 20, 2013 for the renewal, replacement or continuation of the current contract regarding the privatization. Instead, this bill allows the commissioner to enter into an agreement for certain wholesale liquor activities. Part A also amends the criteria for obtaining a license as an agency liquor store to clarify that an applicant that was licensed in another state to sell malt liquor, wine or spirits at retail for off-premises consumption must have conducted that business without a violation of the laws

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governing the sale of alcoholic beverages in the state in which that applicant was licensed. Part A also repeals the provisions of law regarding wholesale liquor providers.

Part B authorizes the Treasurer of State, with the approval of the Governor, to issue liquor operation revenue bonds in an amount up to \$187,000,000. Part B establishes 2 funds, the Health Care Liability Retirement Fund and the Liquor Operation Revenue Fund. The Health Care Liability Retirement Fund is funded with the revenue from the sale of the bonds and used to pay debts owed by the State for services provided by health care providers prior to December 1, 2012; anything in excess of the amount owed is transferred to the Liquor Operation Revenue Fund. The Liquor Operation Revenue Fund is funded by revenue from the management of wholesale liquor activities; such revenue will be used to pay the principal and interest of the liquor operation revenue bonds as those amounts become due. During the repayment of bonds period, any excess revenue is transferred to the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Environmental Protection for revolving loan funds for drinking water systems and wastewater treatment and to the Department of Transportation for construction of highways and bridges. Following the retirement of bonds, excess revenue is also transferred to the Maine Budget Stabilization Fund. Part B also reiterates a provision contained in the Constitution of Maine that the proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized by the voters may not be used to meet current expenditures of the State.

**LD 241 An Act To Amend Certain Laws Governing the Bureau of Maine
Veterans' Services**

PUBLIC 237

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TUTTLE BEAULIEU	OTP-AM	S-181

This bill makes the following changes to the laws governing the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services.

1. It requires that, in order to be eligible for educational benefits provided to veterans and their dependents, a student must apply for a Federal Pell Grant.
2. It decreases from 75 years to 62 years the period of time that a certificate of release or discharge from active duty that is filed with a state, county or local government is kept confidential.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-181)

This amendment clarifies which United States Government records, held by the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services for safekeeping are considered confidential. It also provides that the confidentiality of these records applies only when they are classified as confidential by the United States Government.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2013, chapter 237 makes changes to the laws governing the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services. First, it requires that, in order to be eligible for educational benefits provided to veterans and their dependents at state-sponsored post-secondary institutions in Maine, a student must apply for a Federal Pell Grant. Second, it amends current Maine law which requires that records held by the the bureau on behalf of the federal government regarding certificate of release or discharge from active duty be kept confidential for 75 years. Federal law only requires that those records be confidential for 62 years. Public Law 2013, chapter 237 makes the confidentiality periods the same, at 62 years. The law clarifies that the records to be kept confidential by the bureau are those designated as confidential by the federal government.

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LD 242 An Act To Improve the Military Bureau Laws

PUBLIC 251

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TUTTLE BEAULIEU	OTP-AM	S-131

This bill makes the following changes to the laws.

1. It specifies that the Adjutant General may execute cooperative agreements and other arrangements necessary to operate the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management and provides that the Adjutant General serves as the Governor's homeland security advisor.
2. Under current law, the Director of the Maine Emergency Management Agency is appointed by, and serves at the pleasure of, the Commissioner of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management. This bill instead provides that the Director of the Maine Emergency Management Agency is appointed by the Governor upon the recommendation of the commissioner, reports administratively to the commissioner and serves at the pleasure of the Governor.
3. It renames the State Area Command as the Joint Force Headquarters and includes a reference to Air National Guard units.
4. It repeals and replaces the section of law that determines the disposition of revenue generated by the Maine Military Authority to additionally authorize the transfer of unreserved retained earnings, in the amount of \$10,000 annually, to each of 3 accounts that may be established within the Military Bureau to be used for official representation funds, for unfunded priorities identified by the Adjutant General and for the Maine National Guard Foundation Fund.
5. Under current law, a general officer commander may impose a certain level of disciplinary punishment. The bill instead specifies that this level of disciplinary punishment may be imposed by a colonel in the chain of command of the individual being punished.
6. It provides that any person subject to the Maine Code of Military Justice who commits an offense under the Maine Criminal Code's chapter governing sexual assaults is also guilty of violating the Maine Code of Military Justice.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-131)

This amendment clarifies that when the Adjutant General executes cooperative agreements they are limited to the purposes described or defined by statute.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2013, chapter 251 does the following.

1. It specifies that the Adjutant General may execute cooperative agreements and other arrangements necessary to operate the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management and provides that the Adjutant General serves as the Governor's homeland security advisor.
2. Under current law, the Director of the Maine Emergency Management Agency is appointed by, and serves at the pleasure of, the Commissioner of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management. This law instead provides that the Director of the Maine Emergency Management Agency is appointed by the Governor upon the recommendation of the commissioner, reports administratively to the commissioner and serves at the pleasure of the Governor.

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- 3. It renames the State Area Command as the Joint Force Headquarters and includes a reference to Air National Guard units.
- 4. It repeals and replaces the section of law that determines the disposition of revenue generated by the Maine Military Authority to additionally authorize the transfer of unreserved retained earnings, in the amount of \$10,000 annually, to each of three accounts that may be established within the Military Bureau to be used for official representation funds, for unfunded priorities identified by the Adjutant General and for the Maine National Guard Foundation Fund.
- 5. Under current law, a general officer commander may impose a certain level of disciplinary punishment. Chapter 251 specifies that this level of disciplinary punishment may be imposed by a colonel in the chain of command of the individual being punished.
- 6. It provides that any person subject to the Maine Code of Military Justice who commits an offense under the Maine Criminal Code's chapter governing sexual assaults is also guilty of violating the Maine Code of Military Justice.

LD 320 An Act To Ensure the Integrity of the Election Process ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FARNSWORTH CRAVEN	ONTP	

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

This bill proposes to review ways to remedy errors made in the course of the conduct of elections including, but not limited to, the circumstances under which a new election is a more appropriate remedy than a recount.

LD 328 An Act Relating to Radon Testing and Disclosure to Tenants PUBLIC 324

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
WHITTEMORE CRAY	OTP-AM ONTP	S-226

This bill repeals the current provisions in law related to mandatory radon testing and disclosure of the presence of radon to tenants and prospective tenants in residential buildings and enacts provisions related to disclosure of a radon hazard to tenants and prospective tenants based on Illinois law. The bill provides that radon testing is not required, but requires the disclosure of a radon hazard to tenants and prospective tenants when a landlord is made aware of test results indicating the presence of a radon hazard and mitigation has not been performed to reduce the level of radon. The bill applies to dwelling units located below the third story above ground level in a residential building.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-226)

This amendment replaces the bill. The amendment changes the law regarding radon testing of residential units as follows.

- 1. Testing remains required by March 1, 2014 and every 10 years thereafter but only upon request by a tenant and only if a mitigation system is not in place.

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2. Landlords must disclose testing results prior to renting rather than to all potential tenants. Landlords must also disclose results of a test to existing tenants within 30 days of receiving results.
3. Landlords are authorized to perform radon testing except in certain complex buildings as defined in rules adopted by the Department of Health and Human Services.
4. Landlords are required to test for radon and disclose the results. The requirement in statute to mitigate is eliminated.
5. The disclosure must include the results of the test, the date of the test, that the tenant has the right to test and a reference to where the tenant can get more information about radon. The Department of Health and Human Services is required to modify the standard disclosure statement form to reflect the changes.
6. If a tenant and the landlord get different results for tests, the landlord may hire a professional and disclose the result of the testing performed by the professional. The landlord may also choose to accept the tenant's results.
7. Tenants explicitly have the right to test for radon.
8. Results of testing by a landlord must be reported to the Department of Health and Human Services within 30 days.
9. By November 1, 2013, the Department of Health and Human Services must adopt rules for testing that incorporate existing protocols by reference.
10. The failure of a landlord to disclose test results or the falsification of records by a landlord is considered a breach of the warranty of habitability.
11. If radon test results exceed 4.0 picocuries per liter, a landlord or tenant may terminate the lease with 30 days' notice in accordance with current law. A landlord may not retain a security deposit for a termination based on radon test results.
12. If a landlord brings an action for forcible entry and detainer, a tenant's assertion of rights under the law regarding residential radon testing creates a rebuttable presumption of retaliation against the tenant.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2013, chapter 324 changes the current law regarding radon testing of residential units as follows.

1. Testing remains required by March 1, 2014 and every 10 years thereafter but only upon request by a tenant and only if a mitigation system is not in place.
2. Landlords must disclose testing results prior to renting rather than to all potential tenants. Landlords must also disclose results of a test to existing tenants within 30 days of receiving results.
3. Landlords are authorized to perform radon testing except in certain complex buildings as defined in rules adopted by the Department of Health and Human Services.
4. Landlords are required to test for radon and disclose the results. The requirement in statute to mitigate is eliminated.
5. The disclosure must include the results of the test, the date of the test, that the tenant has the right to test and a reference to where the tenant can get more information about radon. The Department of Health and Human Services is required to modify the standard disclosure statement form to reflect the changes.

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- 6. If a tenant and the landlord get different results for tests, the landlord may hire a professional and disclose the result of the testing performed by the professional. The landlord may also choose to accept the tenant's results.
- 7. Tenants explicitly have the right to test for radon.
- 8. Results of testing by a landlord must be reported to the Department of Health and Human Services within 30 days.

LD 329 An Act To Reduce the Licensing Fee for Certain Tournament Games

PUBLIC 306

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PATRICK RUSSELL	OTP-AM ONTP	S-155

This bill reduces the license fees for tournament games that do not exceed 100 players.

This bill also eliminates the ability of an organization licensed to hold a tournament game to charge a player an addition to the entry fee to defray the cost of the license.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-155)

This amendment increases the fees for tournament game licenses that are proposed by the bill. The license fees proposed in the amendment are a reduction from what is required in current law. The bill removes the provision of current law that provides that a tournament game licensee may charge an amount higher than the maximum entry fee to defray the cost of licensure. The amendment retains this provision of law.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2013, chapter 306 reduces the fee paid by organizations licensed to conduct tournament games. A per tournament license fee is reduced from \$150 to \$75 under this law. A monthly licensee fee is reduced from \$250 to \$200. The fee for an annual license under chapter 306 is reduced from \$3,000 to \$1,500. Finally, chapter 306 repeals a provision in the tournament games law that previously allowed a licensee to apply an extra charge to a tournament game entry fee to defray the cost of the license.

**LD 333 An Act To Amend the Provision of Law That Requires the Trade Name
or Brand of Malt Liquor To Be Displayed in Full Sight of a Customer
on a Faucet, Spigot or Dispensing Apparatus**

PUBLIC 165

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SCHNECK	OTP-AM	H-120

This bill repeals the requirement that the trade name or brand of malt liquor served from a faucet, spigot or dispensing apparatus be displayed in full sight of a customer on the faucet, spigot or dispensing apparatus.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-120)

This amendment replaces the bill. Current law requires that an on-premises liquor licensee may not serve malt liquor from a tap unless the trade name or brand is clearly labeled on the tap handle. The amendment provides an alternative to current law by providing that licensees who serve malt liquor from a tap may inform consumers about which product is being dispensed by displaying a list of all available malt liquors.

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Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2013, chapter 165 amends the law which requires that an on-premises liquor licensee may not serve malt liquor from a tap unless the trade name or brand is clearly labeled on the tap handle. Chapter 165 establishes an alternative by providing that licensees who serve malt liquor from a tap may inform consumers about which product is being dispensed by displaying a list of all available malt liquors.

LD 343 Resolve, Regarding the Transfer of Responsibility for Veterans' Cemetery Maintenance ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
COTTA BURNS	ONTP	

This resolve directs the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry and the Director of the Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services within the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management to study the feasibility of transferring the responsibility of maintaining veterans' cemeteries to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Division of Parks and Public Lands.

LD 344 An Act To Amend the Licensing Requirements for Beano Halls Leased by Veterans' Organizations ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SHAW PLUMMER	ONTP	

This bill exempts a veterans' organization that is licensed to conduct beano or bingo games from the requirement to get a beano hall permit if that veterans' organization wishes to lease its facility as a beano hall to an organization licensed to conduct beano or bingo games.

LD 349 An Act To Strengthen Maine's Ethics Laws and Improve Public Access to Information ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CAIN	ONTP	

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

This bill proposes to strengthen Maine's laws governing governmental ethics and to increase transparency and fairness by improving access by the public to information.

**LD 350 An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Gambling PUBLIC 212
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TUTTLE BEAULIEU	OTP-AM	S-142

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This bill makes the following changes to the gambling laws.

1. It changes definitions and other provisions of law in order to reflect the addition of casinos.
2. It amends the laws governing the establishment of a list of persons who are to be excluded from a slot machine facility or casino to require the forfeiture of money from the winnings of voluntarily excluded persons and the deposit of this money in the General Fund for gambling addiction services, and to require the protection of the information as confidential of those who voluntarily place themselves on the exclusion list.
3. It changes the way certain keys are handled within casinos.
4. It allows for temporary authorization to allow employees to work in positions for which a license is required during the licensing process.
5. It changes the laws governing when the Gambling Control Board within the Department of Public Safety may refuse to grant a license to a person based on a previous adverse action taken against that person.
6. It removes the requirement that all key executives be citizens or permanent residents of the United States.
7. It removes the requirement that slot machines have nonresettable meters.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-142)

This amendment changes the provision in the bill that requires the Gambling Control Board to adopt rules to require that winnings from wagers due to a person who has been excluded from a casino or slot machine facility either voluntarily or involuntarily be withheld from the excluded person and remitted to an Other Special Revenue Funds account within the office of substance abuse within the Department of Health and Human Services. The amendment provides that winnings are intercepted when they are in an amount that requires reporting to the United States Internal Revenue Service and after any required child support debt or other obligations are remitted from those winnings. The amendment also requires the Gambling Control Board to allow for the excluded person to request an administrative hearing to contest the interception of winnings.

The amendment also clarifies that records obtained by the board regarding persons who seek to be voluntarily excluded from a slot machine facility or casino are confidential, as is provided by the bill, but may be made available in the form of statistical data or in a general manner that does not allow for personal identification of a voluntarily excluded person.

Finally, this amendment provides that the minimum average daily aggregate payback percentage for slot machines be calculated quarterly rather than weekly.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2013, chapter 212 makes the following changes to the gambling laws.

1. It changes definitions and other provisions of law in order to reflect the addition of casinos.
2. It directs the Gambling Control Board to adopt or amend rules governing the establishment of a list of persons who are to be excluded from a slot machine facility or casino to establish a process for the withholding of winnings of a voluntarily excluded person and direct this money gambling addiction services.
3. It also provides that personally identifying information regarding those who voluntarily place themselves on an exclusion list is confidential.
4. It changes the way certain keys are handled within casinos.

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- 5. It allows for temporary authorization to allow employees to work in positions for which a license is required during the licensing process.
- 6. It changes the laws governing when the Gambling Control Board within the Department of Public Safety may refuse to grant a license to a person based on a previous adverse action taken against that person.
- 7. It removes the requirement that all key executives be citizens or permanent residents of the United States.
- 8. It removes the requirement that slot machines have nonresettable meters.
- 9. It provides that the minimum average daily aggregate payback percentage for slot machines be calculated quarterly rather than weekly.

Public Law 2013, chapter 212 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 10, 2013.

LD 408 An Act To Require a Copy of Communications To Be Filed with Independent Expenditure Reports ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SAXTON GERZOFSKY	ONTP	

This bill amends the law governing reports required for independent expenditures made in support of or opposition to a candidate. The bill requires that a copy of the communication be included with the independent expenditure report.

LD 410 An Act To Revise the Maine Clean Election Act Regarding Participation in Political Action Committees ACCEPTED MAJORITY (ONTP) REPORT

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CHENETTE VALENTINO	ONTP OTP-AM	

This bill prohibits a certified candidate under the Maine Clean Election Act from establishing a political action committee for which the candidate is a principal officer, fund-raiser or decision maker.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-157)

This amendment changes the title and replaces the bill. The amendment which was not adopted, establishes a contribution limit of \$350 per contributor for a political action committee for which a current Legislator is a principal decision maker, officer or fund-raiser.

LD 428 An Act To License Betting on Football Score Pools ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MACDONALD S	ONTP	

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This bill authorizes the Chief of the State Police to issue a license to operate football score pools. A person licensed to sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption is eligible for a football score pool license. The fee for a football score pool license is \$50 per calendar year. A football score pool operator may retain an operator fee in an amount up to 20% of the total entry fees received for that football score pool.

LD 433 An Act To Provide Parity in Funding to the Maine Maritime Academy ONTP
from Gaming

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PATRICK BRIGGS	ONTP	

This bill directs the Department of Public Safety, Gambling Control Board to forward revenue from slot machines operated by a casino operator and by a slot machine operator to the Board of Trustees of the Maine Maritime Academy to help fund its scholarships program.

LD 459 An Act To Amend the Law Concerning a Landlord's Right To Inspect ONTP
Property

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CASAVANT	ONTP	

This bill requires a tenant who is unable to provide a landlord access to the dwelling unit upon 24 hours' notice to set up an alternative time within 72 hours when the landlord may be granted access to the dwelling unit. If the tenant fails to provide an alternative time and denies access to the dwelling unit by the landlord, the landlord is authorized to enter the dwelling unit without consent of the tenant.

LD 471 An Act To Preserve and Ensure Equitable Funding of Maine's INDEF PP
Commercial Racetracks

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PARRY		

This bill was acted upon without reference to committee.

This bill amends the definition of "commercial track" by changing the number of racing days from 100 to 50 and by adding that a race track that is operated in place of a race track that ceased operation and that is authorized to operate slot machines or a casino must provide at least 100 days of live racing each year to qualify as a commercial track.

The bill also changes the way the distribution of funds is calculated by basing the calculation on the number of race days conducted during the year 2012. It also removes the provision governing the January payment adjustment. The bill also requires the State Harness Racing Commission to establish rules regulating the sale by commercial tracks of pari-mutuel pools by the telephone, Internet or other means of communication to persons not located on the premises.

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LD 504 An Act To Amend the Election Laws and Other Related Laws

PUBLIC 131

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TUTTLE LUCHINI	OTP	

This bill makes the following changes to the election laws and other related laws.

1. It decreases the retention period for several types of election documents and filings.
2. It clarifies that the restrictions during the 15-day period after a change of party enrollment do not include the signing of a primary nomination petition, as long as the petition is certified after the 15-day period elapses.
3. It provides explicit authority for the Secretary of State to adopt routine technical rules for conducting voter list maintenance as required by the National Voter Registration Act of 1993.
4. It specifies that the federal and state court systems are entitled to voter registration data from the central voter registration system for the purpose of jury selection or bona fide court purposes.
5. It replaces the current process for formation of a new party by petition with a process of formation by enrolling a certain number of voters in the proposed party.
6. It moves the deadlines for submission of nonparty petitions for a slate of presidential electors to two weeks earlier.
7. It removes the requirement that the municipal clerk report to the Secretary of State when a registered voter changes party enrollment status in order to serve as an election clerk as well as the requirement that the Secretary of State report these changes in party enrollment status to the Legislature by January 15th after a general election.
8. It provides the Secretary of State the authority to act administratively to facilitate voting by Maine registered voters who are civilians living in the United States in an area in which the governor of that state has declared a state of emergency due to a natural disaster or other occurrence, or for Maine registered voters who are responding to and offering assistance to the area in which the state of emergency has been declared.
9. It changes the method of sealing the unopened envelopes containing rejected absentee ballots so that they are sealed with the used absentee envelopes, rather than with the voted ballots.
10. It allows the clerk to submit the notice of election, indicating that the municipality will process absentee ballots on the day prior to election day, to the Secretary of State as a scanned attachment to an e-mail, in addition to other means.
11. It decreases the amount of time an absentee ballot application from a uniformed service voter or overseas voter remains valid, from 2 years to 18 months.
12. It also makes other clarifications and technical corrections to the election laws.

Enacted Law Summary

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11. It decreases the amount of time an absentee ballot application from a uniformed service voter or overseas voter remains valid, from 2 years to 18 months.
12. It also makes other clarifications and technical corrections to the election laws.

LD 508 An Act To Remove the Disqualification from Obtaining a Liquor License for a Law Enforcement Officer Who Does Not Directly Benefit Financially

PUBLIC 168

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SAVIELLO	OTP-AM ONTP	S-60

This bill allows full-time law enforcement officers that have a direct or indirect benefit in a place of business to hold a liquor license if they meet all the other requirements.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-60)

This amendment replaces the bill. Current law provides that an applicant is disqualified from obtaining a retail liquor license if a full-time law enforcement officer benefits financially directly or indirectly. The amendment provides that the disqualification only applies if the full-time law enforcement officer directly benefits financially.

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Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2013, chapter 168 amends the law which states that an applicant is disqualified from obtaining a retail liquor license if a full-time law enforcement officer benefits financially directly or indirectly. Chapter 168 provides that the disqualification only applies if the full-time law enforcement officer directly benefits financially.

LD 510 An Act To Ensure Equity in Funding to State Postsecondary Institutions of Higher Learning PUBLIC 118

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
THOMAS DAVIS	OTP-AM	S-43

This bill directs the Department of Public Safety, Gambling Control Board to forward revenue from slot machines operated by a casino operator and by a slot machine operator to the Board of Trustees of the Maine Maritime Academy to help fund its scholarships program.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-43)

This amendment adds an appropriations and allocations section to the bill.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2013, chapter 118 directs the Department of Public Safety, Gambling Control Board to forward revenue received from the operation of slot machines at casinos to the Board of Trustees of the Maine Maritime Academy to help fund its scholarships program. The overall distribution of slot machine revenue is not increased by chapter 118, rather, the percentage previously dedicated solely to the University of Maine System for scholarships is divided between the University of Maine and Maine Maritime Academy based on student enrollment.

LD 511 An Act To Implement the National Popular Vote for President CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
WOODBURY BROOKS		

This bill proposes to adopt the interstate compact that is the agreement among the states to elect the President of the United States by national popular vote. Under the compact and the bill, the presidential candidate who receives the most popular votes in all 50 states and the District of Columbia will win the presidency. Under this bill, all of the state's electoral votes would be awarded to the presidential candidate who receives the most popular votes in all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

This bill would take effect only when enacted by states possessing a majority of the electoral votes, that is, enough electoral votes to elect a President, which is 270 of 538.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 126th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1145, as amended by H-B (H-580) and H-C (H-582).

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LD 518 An Act To Establish Ranked-choice Voting in the State

**ACCEPTED
MAJORITY
(ONTP) REPORT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
WOODBURY RUSSELL	ONTP OTP-AM	

This bill creates the ranked-choice voting method of determining winners in elections for United States Senator, United States Representative to Congress, Governor, State Senator and State Representative. The method simulates the ballot counts that would occur if all voters participated in a series of run-off elections and allows a voter to rank candidates according to that voter's preferences. Each voter has only one vote and the ballot count is the same as would occur if voters participated in a series of run-off elections, with the candidate with the fewest votes eliminated after each round of counting.

There is an initial round of counting. If a candidate receives a majority of votes after the first round, that candidate is declared the winner. If more than two candidates have received votes after the initial round, the Secretary of State conducts a 2nd round. In this second round, the Secretary of State eliminates the candidate with the fewest votes. A ballot that ranks this eliminated candidate as the highest-ranked candidate is counted as a vote for the highest-ranked advancing candidate on that ballot. An advancing candidate is a candidate who has not been eliminated. This process of counting votes and eliminating the candidate with the fewest votes continues until two candidates remain. The candidate with the most votes is declared the winner.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-244)

This amendment is the minority report of the committee. The amendment removes the offices of United States Senator and United States Representative from the offices subject to the ranked-choice voting method prescribed by the bill.

This amendment adds an appropriations and allocations section to the bill.

LD 519 An Act To Establish Advance Deposit Wagering for Harness Racing

CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TUTTLE		

This bill authorizes existing off-track betting facilities in the State to conduct advance deposit wagering for pari-mutuel horse racing either individually or in partnership with other off-track betting facilities. The bill authorizes the State Harness Racing Commission to administer the conduct of advance deposit wagering and sets out the distribution of the net commission to various uses and funds. The bill also requires any person or state department or agency who is authorized to conduct gambling activity in the State through the Internet to distribute 22% of the total commission of this Internet gambling activity to various state harness racing funds and purposes.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 126th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1145, as amended by H-B (H-580) and H-C (H-582).

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**LD 572 An Act Regarding Poker Runs Operated by Organizations Licensed To
Conduct Games of Chance**

PUBLIC 149

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SHAW SAVIELLO	OTP-AM ONTP	H-178

This bill creates an exception to the bet limit for a game of chance that is part of a poker run conducted by a snowmobile club. The exception permits a snowmobile club to accept wagers of up to \$50 per hand. A snowmobile club is limited to two poker run events per year in which the club is permitted to accept the increased wagers.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-178)

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, allows for the increased bet limit for up to two poker run events per year for any licensed organization, not just snowmobile clubs.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2013, chapter 149 creates an exception to the bet limit for a game of chance that is part of a poker run conducted by a charitable, non-profit organization. The exception permits the organization to accept wagers of up to \$50 per hand. A licensed organization is limited to two poker run events per year in which the organization is permitted to accept the increased wagers.

**LD 573 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine
To Restrict the Voting Privileges of Persons Incarcerated for Murder or
Class A Crimes**

**ACCEPTED
MAJORITY
(ONTP) REPORT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KNIGHT PLUMMER	ONTP OTP-AM	

This resolution proposes an amendment to the Constitution of Maine that revokes the right of a person in a correctional facility of the State to vote if that person was convicted of a crime punishable by more than 10 years of imprisonment, which currently includes murder and Class A crimes.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-267)

This amendment, which was not adopted, incorporates a fiscal note.

**LD 574 An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Reapportionment To Conform
to the Constitution of Maine**

PUBLIC 85

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LUCHINI TUTTLE	OTP	

This bill conforms the statutory provisions of Maine law regarding reapportionment of congressional districts and county commissioner districts to reflect the reapportionment procedures specified in the Constitution of Maine.

Enacted Law Summary

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Public Law 2013, chapter 85 conforms the statutory provisions of Maine law regarding reapportionment of congressional districts and county commissioner districts to reflect the reapportionment procedures specified in the Constitution of Maine.

LD 575 An Act To Amend the Laws Relating to Radon Testing

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LONGSTAFF WHITTEMORE	ONTP	

This bill amends the laws concerning radon testing by:

1. Removing the requirement that all residential housing units be tested for radon by March 1, 2014 and every 10 years thereafter;
2. Allowing, instead of requiring, landlords and people acting on behalf of landlords to conduct radon tests and allowing tenants to conduct radon tests;
3. Applying the radon testing laws to only residential housing units located below the third story above the ground floor of a building;
4. Removing the requirement that a landlord or a person acting on the landlord's behalf provide notice of a positive radon test if a subsequent test indicates there is no presence of radon;
5. Allowing a landlord or person acting on behalf of a landlord to terminate a lease or tenancy at will following a test indicating the presence of radon as an alternative to mitigation; and
6. Requiring a landlord or a person acting on behalf of a landlord to provide notice to tenants that a common area of a building tests positive for radon. If there is no presence of radon in a residential housing unit a tenant may use the common area at the tenant's discretion.

See related bill, LD 328, An Act Relating to Radon Testing and Disclosure to Tenants, which was enacted as Public Law 2013, chapter 324.

LD 592 An Act To Amend the Laws Dealing with the Purchase of Wine Online

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BEAVERS TUTTLE	ONTP	

Current law allows a person to purchase wine online from a winery that has obtained a wine direct shipper license from the State.

This bill expands the law so that a person can purchase wine online from a wine retailer as long as the wine retailer has obtained a wine direct shipper license. The bill also exempts a wine retailer or winery that qualifies for a wine direct shipper license and agrees to ship no more than 100 bottles into the State in a calendar year from the \$200 application fee.

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LD 606 An Act To Amend the Law Concerning Landlord and Tenant Relationships ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GOODE	ONTP	

This bill, which is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208, proposes to change the duties and obligations placed on landlords and tenants in order to simplify the requirements for security deposits and leases in order to improve the landlord-tenant relationship.

LD 607 An Act To Make an Employee Who Sells Alcoholic Beverages or Tobacco to a Minor Responsible for Paying the Fine ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
AYOTTE THIBODEAU	ONTP	

This bill amends the laws concerning sales of tobacco and alcohol to minors by removing the liability of an employer who did not have knowledge of an employee's violation.

LD 608 An Act To Assist Small Distilleries That Also Have Off-premises Retail Licenses PUBLIC 359

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BECK LACHOWICZ	OTP-AM ONTP	H-416

This bill permits a distiller that is an in-state manufacturer with a retail license to pay to the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations the state liquor tax in an amount equal to the difference between the retail price of the manufacturer's product and the price that the alcohol bureau pays the manufacturer for the product rather than requiring the manufacturer to deliver the product to the state-designated warehouse and purchase it back for retail sale.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-416)

This amendment replaces the bill. The amendment allows certain small distilleries that are also licensed to sell their own spirits at a retail location for which they have a license to sell spirits for off-premises consumption to pay just the difference between the wholesale price and the discounted list price when purchasing spirits for sale at the distillery's retail location. Current law requires distilleries to sell the spirits to the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations at the wholesale price and then purchase those spirits for sale at their retail location at the discounted list price established by the bureau.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2013, chapter 359 allows certain small distilleries that are also licensed to sell their own spirits at a retail location for which they have a license to sell spirits for off-premises consumption to pay just the difference between the wholesale price and the discounted list price when purchasing spirits for sale at the distillery's retail location. Under the existing law, distilleries are required to sell the spirits to the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations at the wholesale price and then purchase those spirits for sale at their retail location at the discounted list price established by the bureau.

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**LD 635 Resolve, Authorizing the Estate of Mitchell A. Kessler To Bring Suit
against the Department of Health and Human Services**

**LEAVE TO
WITHDRAW**

Sponsor(s)

BOYLE

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

This resolve authorizes the estate of Mitchell A. Kessler to bring suit against the Department of Health and Human Services for damages in connection with actions taken by the Riverview Psychiatric Center and constitutes a waiver of the State's defense of sovereign immunity. The resolve provides that the maximum amount of any recovery is \$400,000, pursuant to the limits of the Maine Tort Claims Act.

LD 644 An Act To Strengthen the State's Wholesale Liquor Business

INDEF PP

Sponsor(s)

GOODALL

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

This bill requires the State to continue the privatization of its wholesale liquor operations beyond the current contract, set to expire on June 30, 2014. This bill establishes new criteria a successful bidder must meet, including financial and technical capacity and capability, knowledge of the industry, historical performance, warehousing and delivery capacity and capability and the ability to preserve and enhance the value of the State's wholesale liquor business and maximize the financial return for the State.

This bill allows a bidder to choose between an initial payment of either \$200,000,000 or \$20,000,000 and to specify the amount of the guaranteed fixed annual payment, the formula for sharing revenue with the State during the life of the contract and the minimum profit margin the entity would need to be guaranteed to make its bid feasible. The maximum length of a contract is 10 years. This bill requires a nonrefundable application fee of \$25,000, which is used to defray the cost of reviewing and awarding the contract and requires appropriate financial assurances guaranteeing the availability of the funds. The bill repeals the section of law specifying the allocation of contract payments.

The bill allows the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to extend the current wholesale liquor operations contract for one year if, following a public hearing, the commissioner determines that a new contract cannot be bid or ratified before the current contract expires or that inadequate bids have been received; a minimum payment of not less than \$34,000,000 to extend the contract for one year must be made.

The bill specifies a number of operational measures, including:

1. Specifying the minimum discount that the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations or a person awarded the contract to operate the State's wholesale liquor business must provide to an agency liquor store, based on the retail price of the product; and
2. Requiring a wholesale liquor provider to comply with federal regulations regarding returned or damaged product.

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LD 649 An Act To Facilitate Consumer Taste Testings

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TUTTLE LUCHINI	ONTP	

This bill allows manufacturers and suppliers of alcoholic beverages and certain licensed sales representatives to purchase alcoholic beverages from a retail licensee's existing stock for use exclusively in a consumer taste-testing event held at the retail licensee's premises. The bill requires the retail licensee to apply a sticker to the product to be used for the taste-testing event stating that the product is for sampling purposes and not for resale. The bill requires the removal of the remainder of the sampled products from the retail licensee's premises following the taste-testing event.

LD 659 An Act To Reimburse Philip Wolley for Litigation Expenses Incurred in Connection with His Termination and Reinstatement as a State Employee

DIED BETWEEN HOUSES

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GILLWAY	ONTP OTP-AM	

This bill makes a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$28,000 in fiscal year 2013-14 to reimburse Philip Wolley for litigation expenses incurred in connection with his termination and subsequent reinstatement as a state employee.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-109)

This amendment is the minority report of the committee. The amendment clarifies that the litigation expenses to be reimbursed are associated with Philip Wolley's defense against criminal charges that were ultimately dismissed by the Attorney General.

Committee Amendment "A" was not adopted. Although the bill was committed back to the committee in the Senate, the House accepted the majority "Ought Not to Pass" report.

LD 677 An Act Concerning Postsecondary Tuition Waivers for Children of Veterans

PUBLIC 365

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BOLAND CUSHING	OTP-AM OTP-AM	H-404

This bill amends the laws governing postsecondary tuition waivers for the children of certain veterans to provide that a child of a veteran has 6 academic years from the date of first entrance to complete 120 credit hours. Current law provides that a child of a veteran has six academic years from the date of first entrance to complete eight semesters.

It adds a learning disability or other hardship to the circumstances under which the Director of the Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services may waive the limit of six consecutive academic years to complete the specified number of credit hours.

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amended by H-B (H-580) and H-C (H-582).

LD 766 An Act To Define "Brand" under the Liquor Laws

CARRIED OVER

Sponsor(s)

BEAULIEU
MASON G

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

This bill defines "brand" under the liquor laws as the common name used to identify a manufacturer's line or family of liquor products comprising individual labels.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 126th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1145, as amended by H-B (H-580) and H-C (H-582).

**LD 767 An Act To Limit Contributions to Candidates for Maine Offices to
Maine Residents**

ONTP

Sponsor(s)

MACDONALD W

Committee Report

ONTP

Amendments Adopted

This bill limits contributions to candidates seeking to be elected as Governor, as a member of the Legislature or for a municipal office to contributions from state residents.

LD 768 An Act To Increase Access to Voter Lists

PUBLIC 330

Sponsor(s)

CHIPMAN

Committee Report

OTP-AM

Amendments Adopted

H-329

This bill requires municipal registrars to make available to an elected office holder during the office holder's term central voter registration system information concerning voters in a municipality the office holder represents in whole or in part.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-329)

This amendment replaces the bill. Under current law, parties, individuals or organizations can purchase reports of certain voter information for voter participation efforts directly related to a campaign.

This amendment provides that a person who has been elected to a state, federal, county or municipal office can also purchase such reports.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2013, chapter 330 amends the law which provides that political parties, individuals or organizations can purchase reports of certain voter information for voter participation efforts directly related to a campaign. Chapter 330 provides that a person who has been elected to a state, federal, county or municipal office can also purchase such reports.

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LD 769 An Act To Create Fairness in Political Party Enrollment Deadlines

PUBLIC 173

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CHIPMAN	OTP-AM	H-118

Under current law, a voter must file an application to change party enrollment prior to January 1st to be eligible to file a petition as a candidate in that year's election, except that a person who changes residence from one municipality to another may change the person's enrollment in a political party and file a petition for candidacy without adhering to any deadlines.

This bill removes that exception and extends the January 1st deadline to all prospective candidates.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-118)

This amendment replaces the bill. Current law requires a voter to have changed enrollment before January 1st in order to be eligible to file a petition as a candidate for nomination by primary election in that election year, except that a voter who changes residence from one municipality to another is waived from this requirement. The amendment removes this waiver.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2013, chapter 173 amends the law that requires a voter to have changed enrollment before January 1st in order to be eligible to file a petition as a candidate for nomination by primary election in that election year, except that a voter who changes residence from one municipality to another is waived from this requirement. Chapter 173 removes this waiver.

**LD 770 An Act Regarding Corporate and Other Entity Campaign Advertising
Disclosure and Accountability**

**ACCEPTED
MAJORITY
(ONTP) REPORT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MACDONALD W	ONTP OTP-AM	

This bill requires specific disclosures by corporations and various groups that make political communications in print, by television and radio and through Internet media. The bill also requires corporations and groups making political contributions of more than \$2,000 to report regarding those contributions to the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-379)

This amendment which was not adopted incorporates a fiscal note.

LD 859 An Act To Increase Ethics and Transparency in Government Service

PUBLIC 288

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
RUSSELL	OTP-AM	H-423

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This bill provides that a person may not be employed in a position for which the salary is subject to adjustment by the Governor or a major policy-influencing position if that person has engaged in lobbying in the previous 12 months. The bill prohibits a person from lobbying if that person has been employed in a position for which the salary is subject to adjustment by the Governor or a major policy-influencing position within the previous five years. The bill also expands the definition of "lobbying" to include attempting to influence regulatory or adjudicatory action by an executive branch agency.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-423)

This amendment removes the provision in the bill that states that a person may not be employed in a position for which the salary is subject to adjustment by the Governor or in a major policy-influencing position if that person has engaged in lobbying in the previous 12 months. The amendment clarifies the provision in the bill that prohibits a person from lobbying if that person has been employed in a position for which the salary is subject to adjustment by the Governor or in a major policy-influencing position within the previous five years. It reduces that waiting period to 12 months and makes the prohibition effective beginning January 1, 2015.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2013, chapter 288 prohibits a person from engaging in activities that would require that person to register as a lobbyist or lobbyist associate if that person has been employed in a position for which the salary is subject to adjustment by the Governor or in a major policy-influencing position within the previous 12 months.

This prohibition takes effect January 1, 2015.

LD 860 An Act To Require That the Governor, Senators and Members of the ONTP
House of Representatives Be Elected by the Ranked-choice Voting
Method

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
RUSSELL SAVIELLO	ONTP	

This bill creates the ranked-choice voting method of determining winners in elections for Governor, Senators and Members of the House of Representatives. The method simulates the ballot counts that would occur if all voters participated in a series of run-off elections and allows a voter to rank candidates according to that voter's preferences. Each voter has only one vote and the ballot count is the same as would occur if voters participated in a series of run-off elections, with the candidate with the fewest votes eliminated after each round of counting.

There is an initial round of counting. If more than two candidates have received votes after the initial round, the Secretary of State conducts a second round. In this second round, the Secretary of State eliminates the candidate with the fewest votes. A ballot that ranks this eliminated candidate as the highest-ranked candidate is counted as a vote for the highest-ranked advancing candidate on that ballot. An advancing candidate is a candidate who has not been eliminated. This process of counting votes and eliminating the candidate with the fewest votes continues until 2 candidates remain. The candidate with the most votes is declared the winner.

The bill requires that the question of electing the Governor, Senators and Members of the House of Representatives in this manner go to a statewide referendum to have the citizens of the State vote on the matter.

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LD 921 Resolve, Directing the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices To Improve Public Access to Campaign Finance Information ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HARLOW	ONTP	

This resolve requires the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices to make readily available a list of all publicly available campaign finance information for a candidate on the commission's publicly accessible website, including all sources of campaign funds for the candidate and all campaign expenditures made on the candidate's behalf by a third party.

LD 922 An Act Regarding the Requirement That an Address Be Provided in Disclaimers on Political Radio Advertisements PUBLIC 362

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MOONEN	OTP-AM	H-403

This bill removes the requirement that a disclaimer on a political communication provide the address of the candidate, political committee or person who financed the communication if the communication is broadcast by radio.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-403)

This amendment provides that only the city and state of the address of the person that financed the communication needs to be stated on political communications that are broadcast by radio. The bill proposes to remove all address requirements for political communications broadcast by radio.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2013, chapter 362 provides that when a political communication is made by radio, only the city and state of the address of the person who financed the communication is required to be stated as part of the disclaimer. For other political communications, such as print or television communications, the full address of the person who finance the communication is required.

LD 923 An Act To Require Write-in Candidates To Be Listed on the Ballot Tabulation Report ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BROOKS GRATWICK	ONTP	

The bill requires the Secretary of State to include in the tabulation and printing of election results the votes for any declared or undeclared write-in candidates.

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LD 924 An Act To Prevent a Conflict of Interest of the Secretary of State

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CAREY TUTTLE	ONTP	

This bill provides that a person may not serve as Secretary of State while that person is conducting a campaign for elected office.

LD 938 An Act To Update the Laws Relating to the Tri-state Lotto and the Payment of Prizes to Minors

PUBLIC 352

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LUCHINI MASON A	OTP-AM	H-429

This bill clarifies the payment of lottery prizes to minors. It fixes a discrepancy between the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 8, sections 403 and 415 and sets the minimum payout by the Tri-state Lotto Commission for prizes to not less than 50% of gross sales. It allows for the Tri-state Lotto Commission to implement both draw and instant ticket games as part of the Tri-state Lotto game portfolio. It adds language to require the Tri-state Lotto Commission to offset against winnings, in addition to debts for child support, debts related to unemployment overpayment and tax liabilities.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-429)

This amendment establishes a definition of "electronic funds transfer" as it applies to payment of prizes and provides that a check or electronic funds transfer may be provided to a minor's family or guardian for payment of a prize issued by the Maine State Lottery or under the Tri-state Lotto Compact. The amendment also clarifies the bill with regard to authorizing administration of instant ticket games under the Tri-state Lotto Compact by inserting appropriate references.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2013, chapter 352 establishes a definition of "electronic funds transfer" as it applies to payment of prizes and provides that a check or electronic funds transfer may be provided to a minor's family or guardian for payment of a prize issued by the Maine State Lottery or under the Tri-state Lotto Compact. It allows for the Tri-state Lotto Commission to implement both draw and instant ticket games as part of the Tri-state Lotto game portfolio and provides clarification with regard to authorizing administration of instant ticket games under the Tri-state Lotto Compact by inserting appropriate references. Chapter 352 sets the minimum payout by the Tri-state Lotto Commission for prizes to not less than 50% of gross sales. Finally, chapter 352 adds language to require the Tri-state Lotto Commission to offset against winnings, in addition to debts for child support, debts related to unemployment overpayment and tax liabilities.

LD 941 An Act To Facilitate the Expansion of the State's Liquor Distribution System

PUBLIC 253

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
ALFOND RUSSELL	OTP-AM ONTP	S-148

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This bill authorizes the licensing of 12 agency liquor stores in a municipality with a population over 45,000 to provide larger municipalities with more equitable access to agency liquor stores.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-148)

The bill authorizes the licensing of 12 agency liquor stores in a municipality with a population over 45,000 to provide larger municipalities with more equitable access to agency liquor stores. This amendment amends the bill to allow up to 10 agency liquor stores in a municipality with a population over 50,000.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2013, chapter 253 allows the licensing of up to 10 agency liquor stores in a municipality with a population over 50,000. Under existing law the maximum number of stores in a municipality is eight.

LD 981 An Act To Allow Candidate Name Tags on Election Day ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CASAVANT DUTREMBLE	ONTP	

This bill allows a candidate who stands outside the polls, within the designated area, to wear a name tag.

**LD 1001 An Act To Improve Laws Governing Financial Disclosure by Legislators PUBLIC 401
and Certain Public Employees and Public Access to Information
Disclosed**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CAIN BEAULIEU	OTP-AM	S-166 S-346 HILL

This bill amends financial disclosure laws applicable to Legislators and certain executive branch employees. Annual income received of \$2,000 or more must include a description as to the nature of the income. Ownership interests of 5% or more in business entities must be reported. Involvement as a responsible officer of a political party or political committee by the Legislator or executive employee, or by a member of that person's immediate family, must be reported. The Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices is directed to adopt rules that require reporting of income of \$2,000 or more in ranges. Finally, Legislators and executive employees are required to file their disclosure statements electronically and those statements must be on a publicly accessible website.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-166)

This amendment clarifies language in the bill regarding the requirement that financial disclosure statements required to be filed by Legislators and certain executive branch employees be filed electronically and immediately placed on a publicly accessible website. It also allows the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices to assist with the electronic filing if necessary. The amendment removes the requirement that the commission adopt routine technical rules to provide for income disclosures to be sorted in ranges based on amount. Instead, the amendment directs the commission to make recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs, which may then submit a bill directing the commission to adopt major substantive rules to provide for income disclosures to be reported in ranges based on income amount.

Senate Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (S-346)

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This amendment reduces the one-time General Fund appropriation to develop and implement a new electronic filing system.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2013, chapter 401 amends financial disclosure laws applicable to Legislators and certain executive branch employees. Under chapter 401, annual income received of \$2,000 or more must include a description as to the nature of the income. Ownership interests of 5% or more in business entities must be reported. Involvement as a responsible officer of a political party or political committee by the Legislator or executive employee, or by a member of that person's immediate family, must be reported. Chapter 401 states that financial disclosure statements required to be filed by Legislators and certain executive branch employees must be filed electronically and immediately placed on a publicly accessible website. Further, it allows the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices to assist with the electronic filing if necessary. Finally, chapter 401 directs the commission to make recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs, which may then submit a bill directing the commission to adopt major substantive rules to provide for income disclosures to be reported in ranges based on income amount.

LD 1008 An Act To Assess a Fine on a Person Who Provides Misinformation on a Primary Candidate's Consent Form ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SCHNECK	ONTP	

This bill provides that a person who intentionally or knowingly makes a false statement on a consent form filed by a candidate with a primary petition commits a civil violation for which a fine of \$2,000 may be adjudged.

LD 1023 An Act To Provide Transparency in Fund-raising by and Lobbying of a Governor-elect VETO SUSTAINED

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
	OTP-AM ONTP	S-179

This bill authorizes a Governor-elect to establish a committee for the purpose of soliciting and accepting donations to finance inaugural activities or the Governor-elect's transition to office. Under the bill, the Governor-elect is required to appoint a treasurer to keep records of donations to the committee and file financial disclosure statements. A financial disclosure statement is due on February 15th after the Governor takes office. A donor giving more than \$100 must be disclosed. The committee is authorized to accept donations from the day after the election until January 31st following the election. The Governor-elect is prohibited from personally soliciting or accepting donations for the cost of the inauguration or the transition to office. Communicating with a Governor-elect or the Governor-elect's staff to influence legislation would constitute lobbying that is disclosed in reports to the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices.

This bill also amends the definition of "official in the legislative branch" to exclude candidates for or officers of the Legislature.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-179)

This amendment, which is the majority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs, clarifies that a Governor-elect is required to form a committee if money is raised to fund transitional activities or inaugural events. It also requires the treasurer of that committee to keep an accounting and record of donors making

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donations in excess of \$10.

LD 1042 An Act To Increase the Opportunities for Taste-testing Events for On-premises Liquor Licensees

PUBLIC 258

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TUTTLE LONGSTAFF	OTP-AM ONTP	S-225

This bill allows on-premises liquor licensees to conduct up to three taste-testing events per month for the general public under conditions and restrictions similar to those imposed upon off-premises licensees. The bill also allows in-state distillers, brewers and wineries and in-state and out-of-state wholesalers to provide or supply products for the on-premises licensee to use as taste-testing samples including by purchasing those products from the on-premises licensee's existing stock of inventory.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-225)

This amendment is the majority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs.

This amendment reduces the number of taste-testing events that may occur at an establishment licensed for on-premises consumption of alcoholic beverages from 3 per month to one per month. The amendment requires that liquor provided for taste-testing events be provided by the licensee and not a manufacturer or wholesaler. The amendment specifies that taste-testing events are to be in a designated area of the establishment and that liquor remaining after the event may be returned to the licensee's stock. Finally, the amendment authorizes the division within the Department of Public Safety responsible for liquor licensing and enforcement to adopt rules and requires the division to submit a report regarding the conduct of taste-testing events at on-premises establishments.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2013, chapter 258 allows for taste testing of malt liquor, wine and spirits at an establishment licensed for on-premises consumption of alcoholic beverages. The number of public taste testings are limited to one per month at any one establishment. Liquor provided for a taste testing must be provided by the licensee and the tasting must be limited to a designated area. A sales representative, wholesale licensee or certificate of approval holder may participate in the event and provide food or snacks as well as promotional displays and novelty items of nominal value.

LD 1077 An Act To Amend the Maine Clean Election Act and Campaign Finance Laws

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BROOKS	ONTP	

This bill removes the contribution limits placed on a person who wishes to contribute directly to the campaign of a candidate for the Legislature, Governor or other state or local offices. It also amends the Maine Clean Election Act by eliminating the requirement that participants must collect \$5 qualifying contributions. In order to qualify for distributions from the Maine Clean Election Fund, a candidate need only be certified as a candidate under the process governed by the Secretary of State and by filing a declaration of intent by April 1st of the election year. Under this bill, a participating candidate under the Maine Clean Election Act is not prohibited from accepting contributions from outside sources. The bill also provides that there are not distinctions made between enrolled and unenrolled candidates under the Maine Clean Election Act.

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LD 1082 An Act Concerning the Ability of Off-premises Liquor Licensees To Dispense Liquor in Sealed Refillable Containers

**ACCEPTED
MAJORITY
(ONTP) REPORT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GRATWICK CAMPBELL R	ONTP OTP	

This bill allows off-premises retail liquor licensees to dispense liquor from kegs into sealable refillable containers for resale.

LD 1086 An Act To Revise the Laws Governing Candidate Nominations by Petition

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
VALENTINO LONGSTAFF	ONTP	

This bill amends the laws governing the nomination of candidates by petition in the following ways.

1. It provides that only an unenrolled voter may sign a nomination petition.
2. It changes the number of signatures that are required on a nomination petition for various offices to the same number that are required on a primary petition.
3. It changes the deadline for filing a nomination petition to March 15th, which is the same deadline as for a primary petition.

LD 1088 An Act To Provide Another Funding Source To Better Maintain Veterans' Cemeteries

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TUTTLE BEAULIEU	ONTP	

This bill requires 1.5% of net slot machine income from casinos to be credited to the Maine Veterans' Memorial Cemetery System Care Fund for the care and maintenance of veterans' graves within the Maine Veterans' Memorial Cemetery System.

LD 1104 An Act Relating to Sales of Lottery Tickets by Convenience Stores

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JACKSON T LUCHINI	ONTP	

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

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This bill amends the laws governing the sale of lottery tickets.

LD 1111 An Act To Allow Maine's Harness Racing Industry To Compete with Casino Gaming

CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GIFFORD COLLINS		

This bill amends the eligibility requirements for slot machine operator licensing for a commercial track located within a three mile radius of a commercial track that supports track and harness racing. The bill eliminates the deadline for local approval of the operation of slot machines at a commercial track facility that is currently without slot machines and requires approved slot machines to be located in a building adjacent to the harness racing oval. It increases the amount of slot machines allowed in the State from 3,000 to 4,500 and subjects the slot machines to the existing racino taxes and regulatory system.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 126th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1145, as amended by H-B (H-580) and H-C (H-582).

LD 1210 An Act To Ensure Compliance with the Laws Governing Elections

PUBLIC 162

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LUCHINI TUTTLE	OTP	

This bill authorizes the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices to undertake audits and investigations to determine whether a person has violated the laws governing campaign reporting and finances, the Maine Clean Election Act or commission rules. The bill also authorizes the Attorney General to apply on behalf of the commission to enforce compliance with a subpoena issued to a nonresident person.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2013, chapter 162 authorizes the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices to undertake audits and investigations to determine whether a person has violated the laws governing campaign reporting and finances, the Maine Clean Election Act or commission rules. It also authorizes the Attorney General to apply on behalf of the commission to enforce compliance with a subpoena issued to a nonresident person.

LD 1211 An Act To Amend the Laws Concerning Absentee Ballots

**ACCEPTED
MAJORITY
(ONTP) REPORT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
COTTA	ONTP OTP	

This bill imposes the same deadline for the preparation of municipal absentee ballots as is imposed on state absentee ballots for municipal and state elections that are held on the same day to facilitate the mailing of absentee ballots.

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**LD 1219 An Act To Establish a Run-off Process for the Election of the Governor,
United States Senator or United States Representative ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
EVANGELOS WOODBURY	ONTP	

This bill requires that a successful candidate for Governor, United States Senator or United States Representative receive more than 50% of the votes cast for the office. Currently, the candidate who receives the largest number of votes is declared the winner, regardless of that number's percentage of the total number of votes cast for the office. The bill requires a run-off election between the two candidates who received the largest number of votes when no candidate received more than 50% of the total number of votes cast in an election. The person who receives the larger number of votes in the run-off election is declared the winner.

**LD 1222 Resolve, To Create a Task Force on Maine's Ethics and Transparency INDEF PP
Laws**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CAIN CAREY	OTP-AM	S-97

This resolve establishes the Task Force To Study Maine's Governmental Ethics and Transparency Laws.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-97)

This amendment, which was not adopted, makes changes to the membership of the task force by including two members of the executive branch employed in major policy-influencing positions appointed by the Governor without changing the total number of members on the task force. It also removes the requirement that legislative appointees to the task force serve on specific joint standing committees.

**LD 1258 An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Relationship between LEAVE TO
Alcoholic Beverage Wholesalers and Certificate of Approval Holders WITHDRAW**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CAREY MASON G		

This bill amends the liquor laws as they pertain to agreements between certificate of approval holders and wholesale licensees by adding prohibited coercive actions by certificate of approval holders and amending the laws surrounding the sale of a wholesale licensee's business, the termination of an agreement by a certificate of approval holder, compensation to a wholesale licensee for damages from an unlawful action by a certificate of approval holder and the injunctive relief provisions.

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LD 1270 An Act To Provide That Innkeepers and Certain Campground Operators Are Not Considered Landlords

**PUBLIC 209
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
VEROW THOMAS	OTP	

This bill clarifies that an innkeeper and an operator of a membership campground are not considered landlords and that guests of hotels, motels, inns, lodges and membership campgrounds are not considered tenants pursuant to the landlord and tenant laws as provided in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 14. The bill also allows an owner or manager of an inn, hotel, restaurant, lodging house, boardinghouse or camping area to request a law enforcement officer to remove a guest who is causing unnecessary disturbance to other persons, who is unwilling or unable to pay for the accommodations or services or who is damaging or destroying property belonging to the inn, hotel, restaurant, lodging house, boardinghouse or camping area.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2013, chapter 209 clarifies that an innkeeper and an operator of a membership campground are not considered landlords and that guests of hotels, motels, inns, lodges and membership campgrounds are not considered tenants pursuant to the landlord and tenant laws as provided in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 14. The law also allows an owner or manager of an inn, hotel, restaurant, lodging house, boardinghouse or camping area to request a law enforcement officer to remove a guest who is causing unnecessary disturbance to other persons, who is unwilling or unable to pay for the accommodations or services or who is damaging or destroying property belonging to the inn, hotel, restaurant, lodging house, boardinghouse or camping area.

Public Law 2013, chapter 209 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 5, 2013.

LD 1271 An Act Regarding Penalties for Campaign Finance Reporting Violations and Late Filing by Political Action Committees and Ballot Question Committees

**VETO
SUSTAINED**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CAREY TUTTLE	OTP-AM	H-340

This bill makes the following changes to the laws governing campaign finance reporting and disclosure:

1. It authorizes a Governor-elect to establish a committee for the purpose of receiving donations to finance inaugural activities and the Governor-elect's transition into office and establishes requirements regarding disclosure and lobbying;
2. It authorizes the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices to impose enhanced penalties for campaign finance violations occurring shortly before election day;
3. It defines "bundled contribution" and requires that party committees and political action committees report the name, address and employer of each person reasonably known by the committee to have made a bundled contribution;
4. It requires that party committees, political action committees and ballot question committees report contributions aggregating \$1,000 or more and expenditures of \$1,000 or more made after the 14th day before the election and more than 24 hours before the day of the election within 24 hours of the contribution or expenditure;

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- 5. It requires that political action committees, party committees and ballot question committees report the name and office or the office sought of a Governor, constitutional officer, Legislator or a candidate for such an office who solicits contributions during the reporting period;
- 6. It defines "covered transfer" as a transfer of funds by a person, entity or political action committee when there is intent or understanding that the transfer is to be used to make or pay for an independent expenditure and requires that any entity making such a transfer report that transfer; and
- 7. It increases the penalties for failure to register as a political action committee or as a ballot question committee and for late filing of required reports.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-340)

The amendment replaces the bill. The amendment provides that in the last 28 days prior to an election, penalties for violations of campaign finance reporting by a person, candidate, political committee or political action committee may exceed the maximum established in law. If the violation occurs between 28 and 14 days prior to an election, the maximum penalties may be doubled. If the violation occurs less than 14 days prior to an election, the maximum penalties may be tripled. The amendment also increases the penalties applied to political action committees and ballot question committees when required reports are filed late.

LD 1272 An Act To Amend the Process of Tenant Eviction

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CASAVANT	ONTP	

This bill prohibits a tenant from raising as a defense to an eviction action or withholding rent due to the existence of a breach of the implied warranty and covenant of habitability or a condition that endangers or materially impairs the health or safety of the tenant if the tenant did not notify the landlord or the landlord's agent of the breach or condition prior to receiving written notice from the landlord or the landlord's agent of the intention to terminate the tenancy.

LD 1298 An Act To Authorize the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians To Operate a Casino in Aroostook County

CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BEAR		

This bill authorizes the Department of Public Safety, Gambling Control Board to accept an application for a casino operator license to operate slot machines and table games at a casino on the North Road property of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians in the Town of Houlton from the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians. A casino operated by the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians would not be required to be approved at referendum. The bill raises the limit on the number of slot machines allowed in the State to accommodate the casino operated by the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians. A casino operated by the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians would be subject to the oversight of the Gambling Control Board and subject to the same laws and rules as currently licensed casinos.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 126th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1145, as amended by H-B (H-580) and H-C (H-582).

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LD 1299 An Act To Amend Campaign Finance Laws

PUBLIC 334

Sponsor(s)

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

OTP-AM

S-191

This bill amends the laws governing campaign finance and the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices by:

1. Prohibiting ballot question committees from operating in the State unless they are registered with the commission;
2. Clarifying that the commission does not have jurisdiction over financial activities to influence federal elections;
3. Permitting clerks of municipalities that are governed by state campaign finance law to refer substantial violations to the commission for enforcement;
4. Increasing the exception from \$100 to \$250 for volunteers who purchase invitations, food or beverages over the course of volunteering for a candidate;
5. Increasing the exception from \$100 to \$350 for individuals who pay for their own travel costs when volunteering for candidates;
6. Broadening the exception for news media to cover cable television systems and for news media owned by relatives of a candidate except the candidate's spouse or domestic partner;
7. Treating a limited liability company the same way as a corporation for purposes of contribution limits;
8. Requiring reporting of financial activities by a person who is considering whether to become a candidate;
9. Clarifying candidates or treasurers may keep the records of the campaign as long as the treasurer or deputy treasurer has access to the records for the purpose of filing the campaign finance report;
10. Providing that the commission may hold the candidate and treasurer jointly responsible for penalties assessed to a candidate's campaign;
11. Exempting candidates who make payments of \$1,000 or more during the last 13 days before an election from reporting those expenditures within 24 hours if they related to overhead expenses or compensation paid to an employee who has received regular payments in previous campaign finance reports;
12. Requiring party committees to file a 24-hour report of contributions of more than \$5,000 they have received within 13 days before an election;
13. Imposing limits on the amounts of money or contributions of services received by candidates in a recount of an election except that no limitation would apply to party committees or caucus campaign committees and to attorneys, consultants or firms who are donating their services without reimbursement;
14. Extending the rebuttable presumption for communications made in the last 21 days before a primary election or the last 35 days before a general election, if the communication names or depicts a clearly identified candidate;

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15. Permitting the commission to adopt procedures for electronic filing of independent expenditures;
16. Clarifying the time period for rebuttable presumption in special elections;
17. Permitting the commission to send late-filing penalty correspondence by regular mail, rather than certified mail;
18. Requiring political action committees to designate a principal officer who would be jointly responsible with the treasurer for overall compliance of the committee;
19. Requiring the treasurer, principal officer and primary decision maker of a political action committee to file a written acknowledgment stating they are jointly responsible for compliance;
20. Requiring individuals who resign as treasurer, principal officer or primary decision maker of a political action committee to submit a written statement to the commission;
21. Requiring political action committees to use a single account in a financial institution to deposit all contributions and make all expenditures;
22. Setting out the duties and liabilities of the treasurer and principal officer of a political action committee;
23. Requiring a statement of the name and address of the person who made or financed the communication on any paid communication costing more than \$500 that expressly advocates for or against a ballot question;
24. Requiring political action committees that spend more than \$25,000 to influence an election to keep account statements for 4 years;
25. Increasing potential fines for not providing a complete and accurate political action committee registration statement from \$250 to \$2,500;
26. Authorizing the commission to assess a fine of \$2,500 for failing to keep required records as long as the commission considers mitigating circumstances; and
27. Clarifying that a treasurer or deputy treasurer of a Maine Clean Election Act candidate must file the financial report for the candidate.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-191)

This amendment adds a provision to the bill to allow candidates to enter financial transactions related to required campaign finance reports in an electronic reporting system or on paper forms. It specifies that a candidate's treasurer or deputy treasurer is required to file the complete campaign finance reports. The amendment also adds provisions allowing the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices to hold the candidate and treasurer, and deputy treasurer, if applicable, responsible for penalties related to filing of campaign finance reports.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2013, chapter 334 amends the laws governing campaign finance and the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices by:

1. Prohibiting ballot question committees from operating in the State unless they are registered with the commission;
2. Clarifying that the commission does not have jurisdiction over financial activities to influence federal elections;
3. Permitting clerks of municipalities that are governed by state campaign finance law to refer substantial violations

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to the commission for enforcement;

4. Increasing the exception from \$100 to \$250 for volunteers who purchase invitations, food or beverages over the course of volunteering for a candidate;
5. Increasing the exception from \$100 to \$350 for individuals who pay for their own travel costs when volunteering for candidates;
6. Broadening the exception for news media to cover cable television systems and for news media owned by relatives of a candidate except the candidate's spouse or domestic partner;
7. Treating a limited liability company the same way as a corporation for purposes of contribution limits;
8. Requiring reporting of financial activities by a person who is considering whether to become a candidate;
9. Clarifying candidates or treasurers may keep the records of the campaign as long as the treasurer or deputy treasurer has access to the records for the purpose of filing the campaign finance report;
10. Providing that the commission may hold the candidate and treasurer jointly responsible for penalties assessed to a candidate's campaign;
11. Exempting candidates who make payments of \$1,000 or more during the last 13 days before an election from reporting those expenditures within 24 hours if they related to overhead expenses or compensation paid to an employee who has received regular payments in previous campaign finance reports;
12. Requiring party committees to file a 24-hour report of contributions of more than \$5,000 they have received within 13 days before an election;
13. Imposing limits on the amounts of money or contributions of services received by candidates in a recount of an election except that no limitation would apply to party committees or caucus campaign committees and to attorneys, consultants or firms who are donating their services without reimbursement;
14. Extending the rebuttable presumption for communications made in the last 21 days before a primary election or the last 35 days before a general election, if the communication names or depicts a clearly identified candidate;
15. Permitting the commission to adopt procedures for electronic filing of independent expenditures;
16. Clarifying the time period for rebuttable presumption in special elections;
17. Permitting the commission to send late-filing penalty correspondence by regular mail, rather than certified mail;
18. Requiring political action committees to designate a principal officer who would be jointly responsible with the treasurer for overall compliance of the committee;
19. Requiring the treasurer, principal officer and primary decision maker of a political action committee to file a written acknowledgment stating they are jointly responsible for compliance;
20. Requiring individuals who resign as treasurer, principal officer or primary decision maker of a political action committee to submit a written statement to the commission;
21. Requiring political action committees to use a single account in a financial institution to deposit all contributions and make all expenditures;

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- 22. Setting out the duties and liabilities of the treasurer and principal officer of a political action committee;
- 23. Requiring a statement of the name and address of the person who made or financed the communication on any paid communication costing more than \$500 that expressly advocates for or against a ballot question;
- 24. Requiring political action committees that spend more than \$25,000 to influence an election to keep account statements for 4 years;
- 25. Increasing potential fines for not providing a complete and accurate political action committee registration statement from \$250 to \$2,500;
- 26. Authorizing the commission to assess a fine of \$2,500 for failing to keep required records as long as the commission considers mitigating circumstances;
- 27. Clarifying that a treasurer or deputy treasurer of a Maine Clean Election Act candidate must file the financial report for the candidate; and
- 28. Specifying that a candidate's treasurer or deputy treasurer is required to file the complete campaign finance reports while adding provisions allowing the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices to hold the candidate and treasurer, and deputy treasurer, if applicable, responsible for penalties related to filing of campaign finance reports.

LD 1306 An Act To Enhance Voter Registration for Persons with Disabilities

**VETO
SUSTAINED**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PATRICK LONGSTAFF	OTP-AM	S-182

This bill adds state agencies, including agencies that provide services to persons with disabilities, to the list of agencies where voter registration services must be made available. It specifies which services must be made available at these agencies and prohibits certain actions by persons who provide these services that would improperly influence a person's registration decisions.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-182)

This amendment clarifies references to state agencies that are required under the National Voter Registration Act to accept voter registrations and clarifies that these agencies are not limited to assisting people with disabilities.

LD 1309 An Act To Strengthen the Maine Clean Election Act and Restrict Participation to Legislative Candidates

CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
YOUNGBLOOD CAREY	OTP-AM ONTP	

This bill makes the following changes to the Maine Clean Election Act.

- 1. It doubles the current seed money cap for participating Senate and House candidates and removes the seed money requirement for gubernatorial candidates.

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2. It replaces the Maine Clean Election Act matching funds system with a system of optional supplemental funding for participating Maine Clean Election Act candidates who collect additional qualifying contributions.

3. It also establishes new baseline initial distribution amounts.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-156)

This amendment clarifies that the distributions from the Maine Clean Election Fund established by this bill are for the 2014 election cycle and that the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices will use those distributions to make determinations on future distributions in accordance with the guidelines established in existing law that direct the commission to consider spending in the 2 previous elections and the Consumer Price Index.

This amendment also reduces the number of additional qualifying contributions that will allow for distributions to candidates for Senate from \$5,000 for every 45 additional qualifying contributions to \$5,000 for every 30 additional qualifying contributions.

The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

This bill was committed to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and carried over to any special or regular session of the 126th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1145 as amended by H-B (H-580) and H-C (H-582).

LD 1317 An Act Related to Rent Escrow

LEAVE TO WITHDRAW

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SCHNECK		

This bill allows a tenant to place rent owed into an escrow account if the tenant's rental unit has a condition that endangers or materially impairs the health or safety of the tenant and the landlord fails to remedy the condition. If the tenant and landlord cannot agree to a remedy of an unhealthful or unsafe condition of a rental unit after the tenant has placed the rent into an escrow account, either side may bring an action in District Court to determine whether an unhealthful or unsafe condition of the rental unit exists. If a court rules for the tenant, the court may order funds to be disbursed from the escrow account to remedy the unhealthful or unsafe condition with those funds and administrative fees subtracted from the amount of rent the tenant owes the landlord.

This bill also removes the ability of a tenant to repair a dangerous condition that the landlord has failed to repair after notice and deduct the cost of the repair from the tenant's rent.

LD 1318 An Act To Clarify the Law Regarding Advertising Signs outside Premises Licensed To Sell Alcohol

PUBLIC 207

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TUTTLE LUCHINI	OTP-AM	S-129

This bill clarifies a provision limiting the number of advertising signs a person licensed to sell liquor may have outside of the licensed premises by allowing one sign in addition to the state agency liquor store sign.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-129)

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that number's percentage of the total number of votes cast for the office.

This bill requires a run-off election between the 2 candidates who received the largest number of votes when no candidate received more than 50% of the total number of votes cast in an election. The person who receives the larger number of votes in the run-off election is declared the winner.

LD 1415 Resolve, To Amend the Rules Governing Events at Clubs with a License RESOLVE 71
To Sell Alcohol for On-premises Consumption with Catering Privileges

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
THOMAS SOCTOMAH	OTP-AM ONTP	S-268

This resolve directs the Department of Public Safety to amend its rules to allow a member of an organization renting a club licensed for on-premises consumption of alcohol with catering privileges for a prearranged function to purchase tickets at the door of the club for the prearranged function from 24 hours prior to the function until the termination of the function.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-268)

This amendment, which is the majority report, directs the Department of Public Safety to amend its rules to allow a group holding an event at a club licensed for on-premises consumption of alcohol with catering privileges to sell tickets at the door to members of that group at the time of the event. It also adds a reporting requirement regarding events held in accordance with the rule.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2013, chapter 71 directs the Department of Public Safety to amend its rules to allow a group holding an event at a club licensed for on-premises consumption of alcohol with catering privileges to sell tickets at the door to members of that group at the time of the event. It also adds a reporting requirement regarding events held in accordance with the rule.

LD 1422 An Act To Establish a Nonpartisan Primary and a Presidential Primary ONTP
Election System and Instant Run-off Voting for State and Federal
Candidates

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
RYKERSON WOODBURY	ONTP	

This bill amends the election laws to create a nonpartisan primary process.

The bill amends the presidential nomination process in the State. The bill requires the State to hold a presidential primary election if the state committee of a political party certifies that there is a contest among candidates for nomination as the presidential candidate of the party and that the committee has voted to conduct a presidential primary election. Under the bill, delegates to the national convention must be allocated in proportion with the candidate votes and the uncommitted votes cast in the presidential primary election of the party unless party rules provide otherwise.

The bill creates an instant run-off voting method of determining winners in elections for President of the United States, United States Senator, Representative to Congress, Governor, State Senator and State Representative beginning in 2014. The method simulates the ballot counts that would occur if all voters participated in a series of run-off elections and allows a voter to rank candidates according to that voter's preferences. Each voter has only

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one vote and the ballot count is the same as would occur if voters participated in a series of run-off elections, with the candidate with the fewest votes eliminated after each round of counting.

There is an initial round of counting. If more than 2 candidates have received votes after the initial round, the Secretary of State conducts an instant run-off round. In this instant run-off round, the Secretary of State eliminates the candidate with the fewest votes. A ballot that ranks this eliminated candidate as the highest-ranked candidate is counted as a vote for the highest-ranked advancing candidate on that ballot. An advancing candidate is a candidate who has not been eliminated. This process of counting votes and eliminating the candidate with the fewest votes continues until 2 candidates remain. The candidate with the most votes is declared the winner.

The bill also removes the requirement that a voter must file an application to change party enrollment prior to January 1st to be eligible to file a petition as a candidate in that election year.

LD 1447 An Act To Grow the Maine Economy by Promoting Maine's Small Breweries and Wineries

PUBLIC 351

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
ALFOND LIBBY N	OTP-AM	S-224

This bill sets the number of special taste-testing festival licenses statewide at five per year, and requires four of the five licenses to be issued to a trade association that represents breweries or wineries. The bill allows small breweries and wineries from other states to participate in special taste-testing festivals.

This bill increases the fee for a special taste-testing festival license from \$10 to \$50 per day of the festival and clarifies that the event, rather than a participant, is licensed.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-224)

This amendment strikes the bill and instead expands the number of special taste-testing festival licenses that may be issued to five annually. The amendment increases the license fee for the special taste-testing events to \$50. The amendment also corrects a cross-reference in existing law.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2013, chapter 351 expands the number of special taste-testing festival licenses that may be issued from one to five annually. It also increases the license fee for the special taste-testing events to \$50.

LD 1494 An Act To Alter the Distribution of Maine Clean Election Act Funds

CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CAREY		

This bill decreases the number of qualifying contributions required for legislative and gubernatorial candidates to collect to become certified as Maine Clean Election Act candidates. It provides that candidates may continue to collect qualifying contributions in order to receive supplemental distributions from the Maine Clean Election Fund. The bill establishes a maximum amount of total distributions from the fund for all candidates. Finally, the bill establishes the amount of initial distributions for the 2014 election cycle.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 126th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1145, as amended by H-B (H-580) and H-C (H-582).

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**LD 1504 Resolve, Directing the Adjutant General of the State To Ensure the
Maine Code of Military Justice Addresses Sexual Trauma in the
Military**

RESOLVE 66

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
VALENTINO RUSSELL	OTP-AM	S-189

This resolve directs the Adjutant General of the State to conduct an assessment of the Maine Code of Military Justice and other provisions of Maine law that deal with military personnel to ensure that these laws are comparable to federal laws in addressing the adequate investigation, prosecution and adjudication of sexual assault by members of the Maine National Guard and the appropriate treatment of Maine National Guard members who are victims of sexual assault.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-189)

This amendment adds clarifying language to refer to state active duty personnel in or attached to the Maine National Guard.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2013, chapter 66 directs the Adjutant General of the State to conduct an assessment of the Maine Code of Military Justice and other provisions of Maine law that deal with military personnel to ensure that these laws are comparable to federal laws in addressing the adequate investigation, prosecution and adjudication of sexual assault by members of the Maine National Guard and the appropriate treatment of Maine National Guard members who are victims of sexual assault.

LD 1518 An Act Concerning Liquor Licensing Laws for Holders of 2 Licenses

PUBLIC 344

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GOODALL BERRY	OTP-AM ONTP	S-245

Current law prohibits a portion of a premise to be licensed as an off-premise retail licensee and the remaining portion of the same premise to be licensed as a Class A restaurant unless there is not public access between the two premises and the licensee maintains separate records, supplies and inventory for each licensed premise.

This bill removes those restrictions.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-245)

This amendment replaces the bill. The amendment allows premises to be issued a separate license for the on-premises consumption of malt liquor and wine in the same location where the person is licensed to sell liquor for off-premises consumption as long as the two licensed areas are separated by a wall or barrier that allows for only one controlled point of access between the two areas by patrons. The exception provided in this amendment is repealed September 30, 2015. The amendment also corrects a cross-reference.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2013, chapter 344 allows retail premises to be issued a separate license for the on-premises consumption of malt liquor and wine in the same location where the person is licensed to sell liquor for off-premises consumption as long as the two licensed areas are separated by a wall or barrier that allows for only one controlled

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point of access between the two areas by patrons.

This exception to existing law provided by chapter 344 is repealed September 30, 2015.

LD 1520 An Act To Allow the Passamaquoddy Tribe To Operate Slot Machines CARRIED OVER
in Washington County in Conjunction with High-stakes Beano

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SOCTOMAH TUTTLE		

This bill authorizes the Department of Public Safety, Gambling Control Board to accept an application from the Passamaquoddy Tribe to operate slot machines at a gaming facility in Washington County at which high-stakes beano is conducted by the Passamaquoddy Tribe. The bill raises the limit on the number of slot machines allowed in the State by 750 to accommodate the slot machines that may be operated by the Passamaquoddy Tribe. Slot machines operated by the Passamaquoddy Tribe would be subject to the oversight of the Gambling Control Board and subject to the same laws and rules as other slot machines operated in this State. The bill also amends the laws governing high-stakes beano to allow the Passamaquoddy Tribe to operate high-stakes beano on days as determined by the Passamaquoddy Tribe. The provisions of the bill are subject to approval by the voters of Washington County.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 126th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1145, as amended by H-B (H-580) and H-C (H-582).

LD 1543 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 3: Maine VETO
Clean Election Act and Related Provisions, a Late-filed Major SUSTAINED
Substantive Rule of the Commission on Governmental Ethics and
Election Practices

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
	OTP OTP-AM	H-538 LUCHINI

This Resolve provides for legislative review of portions of Chapter 3: Maine Clean Election Act and Related Provisions, a major substantive rule of the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices that was filed outside the legislative rule acceptance period.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-463)

This amendment, which was not adopted and is the minority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs, authorizes the adoption of portions of Chapter 3: Maine Clean Election Act and Related Provisions only if it is amended to prohibit the use of Maine Clean Election funds to pay for a post-primary election or post-general election party.

House Amendment "A" (H-538)

This amendment removes the emergency preamble and emergency clause.

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**LD 1546 An Act To Strengthen Maine's Hospitals, Increase Access to Health
Care and Provide for a New Spirits Contract**

**VETO
SUSTAINED**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
	OTP OTP-AM	S-108 JACKSON T

This bill is presented pursuant to Joint Order 2011, S.P. 496, authorizing the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs to report out a bill regarding the wholesale spirits contract.

Part A repeals current law that allows for transfer of the State's wholesale liquor business through July 1, 2014. Part A directs the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to develop a request for proposals through the competitive bid process to award two contracts, one for the operation of the State's wholesale liquor business encompassing spirits administration and warehousing and distribution and one for spirits trade marketing. Part A also increases the discount rate at which agency liquor stores purchase spirits for retail sale from the current minimum of 9% of list price to 12% as of July 1, 2014. Part A allows the waiver of a licensing requirement in the event that a retailer with more than five agency liquor stores in this State is purchased or control is transferred to another company not in this State as long as the purchasing or controlling company has held a license to sell beer and wine in another state for at least one year.

Part B authorizes the bond bank, with the written approval of the Governor, to issue liquor operation revenue bonds in an amount up to \$188,500,000. Part B establishes two funds, the Health Care Liability Retirement Fund and the Liquor Operation Revenue Fund. The Health Care Liability Retirement Fund is funded with the revenue from the sale of the bonds and used to pay debts owed by the State for services provided by health care providers prior to December 1, 2012; anything in excess of the amount owed is transferred to the Liquor Operation Revenue Fund. The Liquor Operation Revenue Fund is funded by revenue from the management of wholesale liquor activities; such revenue will be used to pay the principal and interest of the liquor operation revenue bonds as those amounts become due.

During fiscal years 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17, any excess revenue up to a set amount is transferred to the General Fund to offset the amounts included in budgeted General Fund revenue from liquor sales and operations and to offset additional General Fund costs for liquor enforcement activities; after those transfers in those fiscal years and for the rest of the bond repayment period, excess revenue over the set amount, up to \$7,000,000 per year, is transferred to the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Environmental Protection for revolving loan funds for drinking water systems and wastewater treatment, and, if the amount transferred for those loans is limited for federal matching funds purposes, any remainder is transferred to the Department of Transportation for construction of highways and bridges. Any excess funds retained by the Maine Municipal Bond Bank during the bond repayment period must be transferred to the Maine Budget Stabilization Fund immediately upon retirement of the bonds. Following the retirement of the bonds, excess revenue is also transferred to the Maine Budget Stabilization Fund.

Part C expands medical coverage under the MaineCare program to adults who qualify under federal law with incomes up to 133% of the nonfarm income official poverty line, with the 5% federal income adjustment for family size, and qualifies Maine to receive federal funding for 100% of the cost of coverage for members who enroll under the expansion. Adults who will be eligible are those 21 to 64 years of age beginning January 1, 2014 and adults 19 and 20 years of age beginning October 1, 2019.

Part D requires the Commissioner of Health and Human Services to take all steps necessary to secure an enhanced federal match rate for services provided to the MaineCare childless adult waiver population and to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and the Joint Standing Committee on Health and

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Human Services by November 1, 2013 on these efforts.

Part E requires the Commissioner of Health and Human Services, the Commissioner of Corrections and the Executive Director of the State Board of Corrections to evaluate the impact of the MaineCare expansion on programs and services that do not currently receive Federal Medical Assistance percentage matching funds or do not qualify for enhanced Federal Medical Assistance percentage matching funds under the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, with the goal of identifying and maximizing General Fund savings. Part E requires a report by March 1, 2014 to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services and the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety on the amount of General Fund savings resulting from the MaineCare expansion. The report must include the amount of savings realized during fiscal year 2013-14 by service area or program and the amount of savings projected to be achieved during the remainder of that fiscal year and during fiscal year 2014-15. Part E requires the State Budget Officer to calculate the amount of savings that applies against each General Fund account for all departments and agencies from savings associated with the MaineCare expansion and to transfer the amounts by financial order upon the approval of the Governor. It requires the State Controller to transfer any remaining savings to the MaineCare Stabilization Fund. Part E requires the State Budget Officer to provide a report of the transferred amounts to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs no later than March 1, 2014.

Part F provides funding for positions in the Department of Health and Human Services, Bureau of Family Independence.

Part G removes the administration of the sale of fortified wine by the State, beginning July 1, 2014.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-96)

This amendment, which was not adopted, is the minority amendment to the bill reported out of the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs regarding the wholesale spirits contract.

This amendment removes those parts of the bill related to MaineCare expansion.

Senate Amendment "C" (S-108)

This amendment, which was not adopted, removes the emergency preamble and emergency clause.

LD 1548 An Act To Support Maine Businesses by Authorizing Certain Brewing Partnerships

**PUBLIC 345
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
ALFOND	OTP-AM	S-252

This bill clarifies that the laws governing the transfer of liquor licenses do not apply to alternating brewery proprietorships regulated by the United States Department of the Treasury, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-252)

This amendment replaces the bill. The amendment establishes a license for a tenant brewer, which is a brewer that produces malt liquor at the manufacturing facility of another licensed brewer. A tenant brewer is licensed simply for the production of malt liquor and is not granted privileges extended to the host brewer, such as operation of an on-site retail store or offering on-site taste-testing for the public. Under the amendment, a host brewer may have only one tenant brewer operating at its facility. The amendment also clarifies that tenant brewers are authorized to take part in beer and wine taste-tasting festivals. The amendment adds an emergency preamble and emergency

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clause to the bill.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2013, chapter 345 establishes a license for a tenant brewer, which is a brewer that produces malt liquor at the manufacturing facility of another licensed brewer. A tenant brewer is licensed simply for the production of malt liquor and is not granted privileges extended to the host brewer, such as operation of an on-site retail store or offering on-site taste-testing for the public. Under chapter 345, a host brewer may have only one tenant brewer operating at its facility. Chapter 345 also clarifies that tenant brewers are authorized to take part in beer and wine taste-tasting festivals.

Public Law 2013, chapter 345 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 24, 2013.

LD 1558 An Act To Provide Property Tax Relief by Expanding Gaming Opportunities

DIED BETWEEN HOUSES

Sponsor(s)
MCCABE

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

This bill was acted upon without reference to committee.

This bill allows the Gambling Control Board to accept an application for a casino operator license to operate slot machines and table games at a casino from a person who is licensed to operate a commercial track that conducted harness racing with pari-mutuel wagering on more than 25 days during calendar year 2002 and at which the operation of a casino at the commercial track is approved by the voters of the municipality and county in which the commercial track to be licensed is located by referendum election held at any time after December 31, 2002. Except for an interim period after licensure, the casino must be located in a building adjacent to and that provides a prominent view of the racing oval with a hotel that includes at least 115 guest rooms. The casino operator must enter into an agreement with the municipality where the slot machines are located that provides for revenue sharing or other compensation of at least 3% of the net slot machine income. The fee for this license is \$5,000,000 and the licensee must make a prepayment of money that otherwise would be required to be distributed from slot machine revenue in the amount of \$50,000,000, which must be deposited in the General Fund. The limit on the number of slot machines that may be registered in the State is raised from 3,000 to 4,500.

The bill establishes the Property Tax Relief Fund. Allocations from the fund must be made to provide property tax relief and may include, but are not limited to, allocations to state-municipal revenue sharing, the Disproportionate Tax Burden Fund and the Maine Residents Property Tax Program, also known as the Circuit Breaker Program.

The casino operator must distribute 1% of gross slot machine income to the General Fund for the administrative expenses of the Gambling Control Board. The casino operator must distribute 39% of net slot machine income as follows:

1. One percent for the administrative expenses of the Gambling Control Board and for the Gambling Addiction Prevention and Treatment Fund;
2. Eight percent to supplement harness racing purses;
3. Two percent to the Sire Stakes Fund;
4. Three percent to the Agricultural Fair Support Fund;

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5. Two percent to the municipality in which the slot machines are located;
6. Three percent to the county in which the slot machines are located;
7. One percent to the municipalities that abut the municipality in which the slot machines are located;
8. One percent to the Fund to Stabilize Off-track Betting Facilities; and
9. Eighteen percent to the Property Tax Relief Fund.

The casino operator must distribute 16% of net table game income as follows:

1. Ten percent to the Property Tax Relief Fund;
2. Two percent for the administrative expenses of the Gambling Control Board and for gambling addiction counseling services;
3. Two percent to the municipality in which the table games are located;
4. One percent to the municipalities that abut the municipality in which the table games are located; and
5. One percent to the county in which the table games are located.

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Not Enacted

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Campaign Finance and Maine Clean Election Act

Not Enacted

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Not Enacted

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Not Enacted

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